

In re Patent Application of:

MELLOT

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REMARKS

Claims 5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-18, and 20 remain in this application. Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 14 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 8, 12 and 17 have been amended.

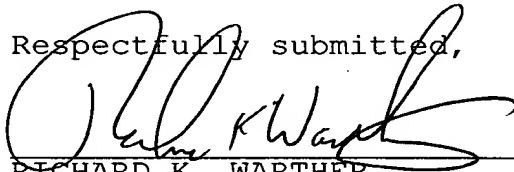
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and prior art. Applicant notes the indication of allowable subject matter of dependent claims 6, 10, 14 and 19 regarding the signal resistor comprising a pull-up resistor for initializing an operating state of the microphone. In one aspect of the present invention, the second input of the differential amplifier is for connection to a microphone output.

Applicant has amended independent claims 5, 8, 12 and 17 to recite the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 6, 10, 14 and 19 to place the case in condition for allowance. Independent claim 16 had been previously allowed.

Applicant contends that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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